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Action by the Working Group on a Technical Plan for US Antarctic Mapping

The Working Group met this morning to discuss a technical plan for US Antarctic mapping. The following statement of action will be transmitted to the OCB, and an information copy will be disseminated to the Planning Board tomorrow.

The Working Group on Antarctica has reviewed the technical report for the mapping of Antarctica prepared by the OCB Technical Advisory Committee on Antarctic Mapping (TACAM). The Working Group has accepted the report and recommends approval as a basis for operational planning and implementation as funds become available. By this action the Working Group recommends the TACAM technical plan as suitable in supporting US interests as well as the needs of the U.S. scientific program. [OCB approval of the plan as recommended above is desirable prior to the departure of the U.S. delegation to the meetings of the Special Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR) meeting in Canberra, 2-6 March 1959, at which time an international program for the mapping of Antarctica will be considered.]

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